

2000, he participated in the prestigious Toyota International Teacher Program. In 1987, he received the Excellence in Education Award from the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, and in 1987 he was chosen as Lansing Catholic Central High School's First Teacher of the Year Professional Excellence Award Winner. But despite these many recognitions, Dan still believes that the work he does with his students is his greatest success. His dedication to teaching can be seen on a daily basis when he stays well after school hours to offer additional assistance or develop new ways to show his students the significance of math in daily life.

Mr. Speaker, education is the cornerstone of our economy and great teachers lay the foundation for greater prosperity. I wish to extend my gratitude to Dan Schab for his many years of service to his students. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Schab for his years of dedication to teaching and his recent selection as Michigan's Teacher of the Year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery early Tuesday morning, I was unable to be present for votes on Monday evening. Had I been present, please let the official RECORD reflect that I would have voted in favor of the following three bills: H.J. Res. 59—Sense of Congress with respect to the establishment of an appropriate day for the commemoration of the women suffragists; H. Con. Res. 181—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month; and H. Res. 376—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Trade Commission should investigate the publication of the video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas".

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JAY BAIRD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Jay Baird has provided outstanding service and contributions to Licking County serving two terms as County Commissioner; and

Whereas, Jay Baird has served the people of Licking County with dedication, diligence, and goodwill; and

Whereas, Jay Baird is an asset treating everyone with respect and a sense of priority, carrying out his duty to the people; and

Whereas, Jay Baird is greatly appreciated by all who have worked with him. He is to be commended for the help that he provided to the citizens of Pataskala and the residents of Licking County.

Therefore, I join with members of Congress and their staff in recognizing Jay Baird for his exceptional work and immense contributions, and wish him the very best in future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF MISS CAMPBELL GRACE HALME

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am happy to congratulate Tracy and Matthew Halme of Tampa, Florida, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. Campbell Grace Halme was born on July 20, 2005, weighing 7 pounds, 7.5 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Campbell has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Her birth is a blessing.

COMMEMORATING THE 15TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) profoundly improved the lives of approximately 54 million people with disabilities. Before the ADA, employers routinely denied promotions and jobs to individuals based not on skill, but on discriminatory stereotypes about disabilities. The lack of accommodations in the workplace shut people with disabilities out of the job force, resulting in astounding poverty rates. People with disabilities did not even have the legal tools to fight back because no law recognized their grievances.

On July 26, 1990, George H.W. Bush signed the ADA, transforming America into a more accessible country. The ADA gave people with disabilities the right to be accommodated in the workplace, a fair grievance process for discrimination suits, equal access to public services, transportation and telecommunications. People with disabilities are no longer unnecessarily shut away; they have the ability to counteract discriminatory practices and have a fair chance to become productive members of society.

I enthusiastically support the Hoyer Resolution commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the ADA, the largest civil rights achievement since the Civil Rights Act of 1964. By celebrating and recognizing the 15th Anniversary of the ADA, Congress honors the United States' commitment to equality and justice. I hope that by recommitting Congress to the full enforcement and support of the ADA, all members will work harder to reduce the still-high unemployment rate among people with disabilities with the capacity to work. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution that recognizes the enormous potential impact of this untapped workforce in our global economy.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. AMANDA PEACH SMITH

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of my most distinguished constituents, Amanda Peach Smith. Mrs. Smith, who everyone knows as Aunt Sam turned 100 years old today.

Aunt Sam moved to Philadelphia from Elloree, SC in 1925. She lived in West Philadelphia until 1931, when she moved to South Philly. In the 1950s, she returned to my part of the city, West Philadelphia.

Aunt Sam has a close and loving relationship with her community and with her God. She has been a member of the historic Union Baptist Church since 1927, shortly after her arrival in Philadelphia. A long time usher there, she was a part of the congregation that nurtured and supported Marion Anderson, Philadelphia's most famous opera singer.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Smith is known for her love of gardening and flowers. In so many ways, she has brought beauty and joy to all of us.

I know that all my colleagues will join me today in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

SUPPORT FOR JUDGE JOHN ROBERTS

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to voice my strong support for the President's Supreme Court nominee Judge John Roberts. His personal qualifications are exemplary and are more than befitting for a Supreme Court Justice.

Judge Robert's educational record speaks for itself. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Harvard in only 3 years and also received his law degree there with high honors. Additionally, he served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

I believe that Judge Roberts will be fair and non-partisan and serve America's highest court well. According to The National Journal, "John Roberts seems a good bet to be the kind of judge we should all want to have—all of us, that is, who are looking less for congenial ideologues than for professionals committed to the impartial application of the law."

Likewise, his personal integrity is unquestionable. For example, in 1995, Judge Roberts argued the case of Barry v. Little in which he represented a class of the neediest welfare recipients free of charge before the DC Court of Appeals.

Republicans and Democrats alike have also acknowledged Judge Roberts' outstanding character. Democratic lawyers Lloyd Cutler and Seth Waxman and former Republic White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray have cited his "unquestioned integrity and fairmindedness."

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Judge Roberts offers everything we could ask for in a Supreme Court nominee. I therefore urge the Senate to hold fair and speedy hearings in order to fill this vacancy as soon as possible.